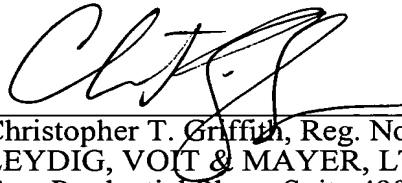


*REMARKS/ARGUMENTS*

The amendments set forth herein are presented in order to sharpen the claim language prior to examination, and introduce new claims into the application. No new matter has been introduced into the application by way of this amendment.

As applicant believes the application is in proper condition for allowance, the examiner is respectfully requested to pass the application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. T. Griffith', is written over a horizontal line.

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